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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT Commander's Policy on Family Advocacy Program

1. I am committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our service members and families. Family violence, in the form of spouse and child abuse, detracts from that goal and from readiness in general. Family violence cannot and will not be tolerated on this installation. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a key resource dedicated to preventing family violence. Its services are available to all service and family members of this command.

2. The objective of the FAP is to improve readiness and retention. The four pillars to accomplish this are prevention, education, wellness, and treatment through programs designed to help stop family violence. For service members involved in family violence, it is essential that treatment be immediate, uninterrupted, and complete. Therefore, until a service member's treatment is completed, his/her place of duty will be at scheduled appointments.

3. Commanders at all levels have specific responsibilities in dealing with family violence. They will:

a. Report suspected spouse and child abuse to the Installation Report Point of Contact and provide relevant information to those investigating the report.

b. Become thoroughly familiar with Army Regulation 608-18, Family Advocacy, and the programs designed to prevent and treat family violence.

c. Contact the FAP Manager (242-7653) to schedule mandatory briefings for all commanders, command sergeants major, and first sergeants within 45 days of assuming command. Commanders will also arrange for annual FAP unit training on various issues addressing the prevention of family violence.

d. Ensure that service members involved in allegations of spouse or child abuse, after properly being advised of the Article 31(b), UCMJ rights against self-incrimination, are encouraged to cooperate with FAP personnel to the maximum extent possible.

e. Understand that victims have a right to be treated with dignity and respect for their privacy and to be reasonably protected from the alleged offender.

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f. Attend Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings to be aware of the treatment recommendations for their service members. Family Advocacy will notify the commander when a member of their command is under review.

4. Commanders, the Family Advocacy Program starts with you. I completely support the Family Advocacy Program, and I expect you to support it, also. Leaders at all levels are responsible for taking an active role in stopping family violence and ensuring service members and families get the help they need.



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